UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 4, 2020

Applied Materials, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

> 3050 Bowers Avenue P.O. Box 58039 Santa Clara, CA (Address of principal executive offices)

000-06920 (Commission File Number) 94-1655526 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

95052-8039 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-408-727-5555

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	AMAT	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 4, 2020, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Applied Materials, Inc. ("Applied") appointed Rani Borkar to serve as a member of the Board and as a member of the Strategy and Investment Committee of the Board, effective December 14, 2020.

Upon Ms. Borkar's appointment to the Board, she will receive the standard compensation applicable to non-employee directors: (1) an annual retainer of \$80,000 (prorated based on her service during the fiscal year), (2) an additional annual retainer of \$10,000 for her service on the Strategy and Investment Committee (prorated based on her service during the fiscal year) and (3) an automatic grant of a number of restricted stock units equal to \$225,000, divided by the market value of Applied common stock on the date of her appointment, and prorated based on the period beginning on the date of Ms. Borkar's appointment and ending on the date of the 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in full on March 1, 2021, subject to Ms. Borkar's continued service as a director through that date.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Applied Materials, Inc. (Registrant)

Dated: December 8, 2020

By: /s/ Teri A. Little

Teri A. Little Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary